

Preserving African-American Church Records



1864 Journal of Proceedings of the Washington Annual Conference, Rev. B. T. Perkins, Bishop R. Allen, Rev. Nathaniel Carroll, and the Journal of Proceedings of the Washington Annual Conference
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Presented by Elinor Thompson

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SATURDAY February 23, 2013

10 AM to 12 PM

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Historian, genealogist, and author Elinor Thompson will be presenting her experiences working with the Sharp Street United Methodist Church Collections, the West River Conference Church collections, the Mt. Zion Church collections and other preserved collections.

Future speakers include:

Gail McCormick, Washington DC Family History Research, March 23, 2013

Sandi Brewster Walker, African American Genealogy, March 30, 2013

Rebecca Morris, Discusses her book "A Low, Dirty Place: The Parole Camps of Annapolis MD 1862-1865", April 13, 2013

Maria Day, Special Collections Materials - Identifying Prints and Book Illustrations, April 20, 2013

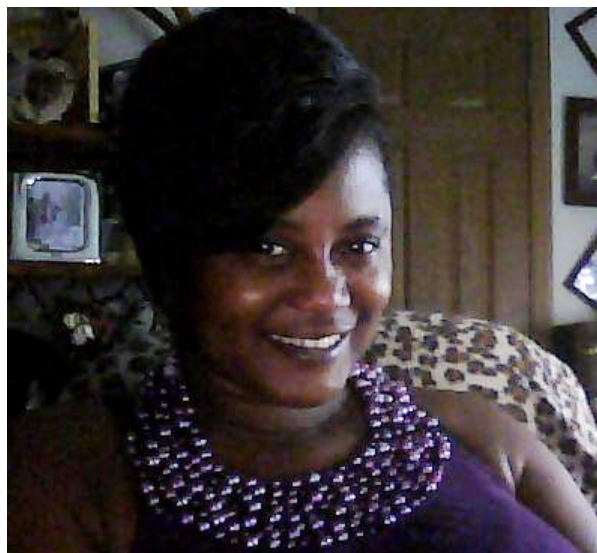
Robert "Bob" Barnes, Looking Below the Surface at Death and Probate Records, May 11, 2013

ABOUT Elinor Thompson

Elinor Thompson is an author, historian, genealogist, and cemetery preservationist. Thompson's main research focus concerns the African-American community. She has been preserving both black and white church history throughout the United States for more than 26 years. She strives to re-trace the footsteps of our forefathers' lives and the paths that they took in order for us to have a better way of life and a brighter future.

For the past few years, Thompson has been preserving the West River Church Collections for both the black and white churches. This project was approved by Church District Superintendent Christopher T. Holmes of the Baltimore Washington Conference and Lovely Lane Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. Thompson has been preserving and archiving African-American church history in the Anne Arundel County area with a particular focus on the southern part of the county.

Her research findings have been compiled into a book entitled, *In The 8th District Our African-American Church Communities in Southern Anne Arundel County*. This rich history includes information on the churches, the congregants, the clergy, and their communities. Much of this history includes references to 1548 congregants who lived, worked, and worshipped in the church communities in the southern Arundel County area. As there are many family surnames in this compilation it gives readers the ability to make a connection to their own family lineage.



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